### **STATE OF TENNESSEE**

#### **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 196**

### **HOUSE BILL NO. 1250**

# By Representative Curtiss

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1415

By Senators Ketron, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-201-115, relative to pollution control.

# BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The commissioner of environment and conservation is directed to conduct a study concerning the exemption for the open burning of wood waste in  $\S$  68-201-115(c)(1). The study shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) The number of complaints received by the department of environment and conservation for the open burning of wood waste of which the department had no regulatory oversight; or
- (2) Recommendations on regulating the open burning of wood waste. In regard to the recommendations, the commissioner is encouraged to work with the division of forestry of the department of agriculture to consider appropriate coordination with the division's burn permits and include such findings in the study. The commissioner of environment and conservation shall submit a report and report on the findings of this study of this study by January 15, 2010, to the chairs of the conservation and environment committee of the house of representatives, and the senate environment conservation and tourism committee.

SECTION 2. This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 30, 2009



RON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2009

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR